proper channel that would have been refused. Without resigning the resignation paper was sent.

MELUR GROUP PANCHAYAT—NOMINATIONS TO

261. Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the name of the person who has been nominated to represent Melur Village in the Melur Group Panchayat;

(*b*) what were the considerations that weighed with the Minister in making this nomination;

(*c*) is he a native of the village and has he any influence there;

(*d*) to what community he belongs;

(*e*) what is the total population of the village and the number of Christians, Nayars, Ezhuvas and Backward Hindus;

(*f*) have not the public of Melur, at a duly convened public meeting, strongly protested against this nomination;

(*g*) in pursuance to the resolution passed at such a meeting, have not all the elected members from Melur, resigned their membership as Panchayatdars?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*) Mr. Pulani Kovilakam Koratti Swarupam Kunhlilaip Thampayi Kavu Thampan.

(*b*) Non-representation in election.

(*c*) (*i*) He has the required residential qualification for being nominated as a Panchayatdar.

(*ii*) He has vested interests in the village.

(*d*) Caste Hindu-Kshatriya.

(*e*) Total population according to the last census 7,283

Hindus	..	4,461
Christians	..	2,786

The detailed community-war information as required in the question is not available.

(*f*) Some people of the village in a meeting have protested against this nomination.

(*g*) Yes. Two members have resigned recently.

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Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* Out of this 4,461 Hindus, the Caste Hindus will be only about 61, and the rest will be Ezhuvas and backward communities.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* I do not know. Similarly there will be sub-divisions among Christians also. Why should the Hindus alone be divided? I must say that in this Panchayat, there were two Nayars last time. The same state of affairs which existed last time exists now also. But I have not nominated a Nayar this time.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* A Thampan is seen to have been nominated when there are a large number of backward classes.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* As a matter of fact the Panchayat at its first meeting held passed a resolution congratulating the Government on the fairness shown in the matter of this nomination.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* It is better not to refer to that. Was there duly published notice with regard to this meeting?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* I got a resolution passed in the Panchayat Office and that was their first resolution.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* People protested against that resolution.

Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* Was the resolution passed after the nomination?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Yes.

Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* Was the resolution passed unanimously?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Yes.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* My information is that it was a bogus meeting.

PANCHAYATS—EZHUVA REPRESENTATION

262. മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: താഴെ പറയുന്ന ചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്ക് ഗവൺമെണ്ട് സദയം മറുപടി പറയുമോ.—

(എ) ഇപ്പോൾ നിലവിലുള്ള ഗ്രൂപ്പുപഞ്ചായത്തുകളിൽ തിരഞ്ഞെടുപ്പു വഴിയായോ നോമിനേഷൻ മൂലമോ ഈഴവർ പ്രതിനിധീകരിക്കാത്ത ഗ്രൂപ്പുപഞ്ചായത്തുകൾ ഏതെല്ലാം;

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